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January 12, 2005

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Presentation**  
CG Docket No. 98-67

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 11, 2005, Ben Soukup, Mark Seeger, Ann Marie Mickelson, Randy Gerloff and the undersigned, on behalf of Communications Services for the Deaf, Inc., met with Jay Keithley, Thomas Chandler, and Greg Hlibok of the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau to discuss various issues concerning video relay services. Specifically, the following topics were addressed:

- Mandating VRS – CSD discussed the availability of interpreters for a phase in of mandated VRS.
- Interoperability of VRS – CSD asked the FCC about its plans to require interoperability of VRS.
- Answer Speed – CSD discussed various alternatives for an appropriate answer speed.
- Video Mail – CSD advocated for inclusion of video mail as a reimbursable video relay service .
- Spanish to ASL VRS - CSD advocated for inclusion of Spanish to ASL VRS as a reimbursable video relay service.
- Answer Speed – CSD discussed the problems of having varying answer speeds as these affect VRS compensation.

This letter is being filed electronically.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Peltz Strauss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Peltz Strauss  
Legal Consultant, CSD

cc: Jay Keithley  
Tom Chandler